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SUBJECT: JORDAN COPPER EXPLOITATION

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1. WHEN WE DISCUSSED GOJ/FRENCH LETTERS OF INTENT WITH HAWAMDEH AS REPORTED REF. B, HE WAS SLIGHTLY SENSITIVE ABOUT OUR INQUIRY. ALTHOUGH, AS REPORTED, HE DID NOT APPEAR TO REJECT COMPLETELY POSSIBILITY OF AMERICAN COUNTER OFFER, HE OBVIOUSLY REGARDED EXCHANGE OF LETTERS AS SERIOUS COMMITMENT BY GOJ TO NEGOTIATE AGREEMENT WITH FRENCH AND SOMETHING THAT REALLY WAS NOT OUR BUSINESS. CONSEQUENTLY, WE ARE SOMEWHAT RELUCTANT TO ASK HAWAMDEH FOR COPIES OF THE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS OF INTENT. ALTHOUGH SALIM WOULD PROBABLY BE MORE FORTHCOMING WE ARE HESITANT TO APPROACH HIM DIRECTLY SINCE HAWAMDEH STRONGLY RESENTS WHAT HE CONSIDERS SALIM'S MEDDLING IN NRA AFFAIRS.

2. HOWEVER, WE HAVE ARRANGED MEETING AND MINERALS BRIEFING WITH NRA NEXT WEEK AND PLAN IN THAT CONTEXT TO RAISE MATTER OF LETTERS OF INTENT. HOPEFULLY, WE CAN GET NRA TO OFFER THEM TO US WITHOUT APPEARING TO BE TOO NOSY.
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